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SUBJECT: POW/MIA'S -- TRAVEL BY YOUTH GROUP

1. GROUP OF 15 AMERICAN CITIZENS (MOSTLY HIGH SCHOOL AGE) REPRESENTING "YOUTH CONCERNED FOR THE 1300 MISSING IN ACTION ARE PLANNING ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP JULY 1-25 TO CALL ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF AMERICANS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND TO TRY TO PERSUADE GOVERNMENTS TO PRESS NORTH VIETNAM ON THIS SUBJECT. GROUP IS PRIVATELY ORGANIZED AND FINANCED AND WILL CARRY PETITIONS SIGNED BY MANY AMERICANS. ITINERARY AND NAMES OF TRAVELERS FOLLOW BELOW.

2. FOR ALL ACTION POSTS: PLEASE DESIGNATE CONTROL OFFICERS (ADVISE NAMES), CONFIRM HOTEL RESERVATIONS, AND ALERT US AND LOCAL PRESS (GROUP HOPES FOR PRESS ATTENTION AT EVERY STOP AND HAS SENT PRESS NOTICES OF THEIR TRIP). THEY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET IF CONVENIENT. THEY HAVE INTERPRETER IN PARIS AND ASSUME INTOURIST WILL PROVIDE IN MOSCOW, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE ON THIS IF NEEDED ELSEWHERE. ALL TRANSFERS TO HOTELS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY TRAVEL AGENCY.

3. FOR PARIS (JULY 2-5): GROUP HAS WRITTEN DRV EMBASSY TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT AND VISAS FOR POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM. THEY RECOGNIZE DRV UNLIKELY TO RESPOND BUT HOPE TO MAKE PERSONAL CALL AT DRV EMBASSY. THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BRIEFING BY APPROPRIATE EMBOFF AND CALL ON AMBASSADOR IF POSSIBLE. WE SUGGEST ENTIRE GROUP BE INVITED TO EMBASSY 4TH OF JULY PARTY. THEY HAVE ALSO SENT LETTERS TO GKR, PRG, AND SWEDISH EMBASSIES IN PARIS AND MAY WISH TO CALL ON PRC EMBASSY TO REQUEST VISAS FOR CHINA.

4. STOCKHOLM (JULY 6-8): GROUP HAS WRITTEN PALME AND MFA REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS. THEY RECOGNIZE TOP OFFICIALS MAY BE UNABLE TO SEE THEM AND WOULD BE GLAD TO BE RECEIVED BY INFORMED LOWER OFFICIALS, AS APPROPRIATE. THEY HAVE ALSO SENT LETTERS TO EMBASSIES OF FRANCE, JAPAN, SWITZERLAND, UNCLASSIFIED

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THAILAND, AND USSR EXPLAINING PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIP. IF CONVENIENT WE SUGGEST AMBASSADOR OR SENIOR EMBOFF BRIEF GROUP.

5. MOSCOW (JULY 8-10): GROUP HAS SENT LETTERS TO DRV, PRG, PRC, KHMER AND LAO EMBASSIES AND HOPES TO FOLLOW UP WITH APPOINTMENTS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO MEET MFA OFFICIAL (UNLESS EMBASSY SEES OBJECTION) TO DISCUSS MIA ISSUE AND

HOPES EMBASSY WILL REQUEST APPOINTMENT ON THEIR BEHALF. THEY HAVE ALSO WRITTEN THE COMMUNIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT.

6. BANGKOK (JULY 11-14): LETTERS TO PRIME MINISTER, VATICAN REP, AND EMBASSIES OF GKR, LAOS AND SWITZERLAND. SUGGEST EMBASSY ARRANGE MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE THAI OFFICIAL AND PROVIDE JCRC BRIEFING. GROUP ALSO SEES BANGKOK AS ESPECIALLY GOOD PLACE FOR PRESS CONFERENCE AND REQUESTS EMBASSY ARRANGE.

7. VIENTIANE (JULY 14-17): GROUP WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, ICRC REPZENER, AND REPS OF DRV AND PRG, ALL OF WHOM HAVE LETTERS. BRIEFING BY CHARGE OR SENIOR EMBOFF AND L/JCRC WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.

8. SAIGON (JULY 17 -20): WE HAVE INFORMED GVN EMBASSY HERE OF GROUP'S VISIT AND UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR IS RECOMMENDING MFA OR OTHER OFFICE PROVIDE PROGRAM AND BRIEFINGS FOR GROUP. SUGGEST EMBASSY COORDINATE WITH GVN TO ARRANGE SUGGESTED PROGRAM, INCLUDING FIELD TRIP AND FPJMT BRIEFING IF CONVENIENT.

9. HONG KONG (JULY 20-23): GROUP HAS SENT LETTERS TO VARIOUS PRESS AGENCIES AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE IN HK.

10. TOKYO (JULY 23-5): GROUP HAS WRITTEN TANAKA AS WELL AS CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF JAPANESE CENTRAL COMMUNIST PART REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS. THEY UNDERSTAND THESE MAY NOT WORK OUT AND WILL PROBABLY BE GLAD TO HAVE TOKYO SERVE AS REST STOP BEFORE RETURNING HOME. EMB NEED NOT MEET OR PROVIDE INTERPRETER.

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11. SUGGEST ACTION POSTS ADVISE ONWARD POSTS (AND DEPT.) OF GROUPS ACTIVITIES AT EACH STOP, WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR THEIR PROGRAM AT ONWARD STOPS.

12. GROUP PLANS TO DEPART FROM OMAHA WHERE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN POW/MIA'S IS HOLDING NATIONAL MEETING JUNE 28-30. LEAGUE HAS GIVEN GROUP SOME FINANCIAL SUPPORT. ADULT ADVISERS FOR GROUP ARE MISS CAROL BATES, MRS. PATTIE SHERIDAN AND MISS DIANA COLLINS. MISS BATES AND MRS. SHERIDAN REPRESENT VIVA, A CALIFORNIA-BASED PRIVATE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PW/MIA MATTERS AND WHICH ALSO HAS CONTRIBUTED FINANCIALLY TO TRIP. MISS COLLINS REPRESENTS ANOTHER PW/MIA GROUP NAMED "CONCERNED CITIZENS OF CALIFORNIA." TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NONE OF THE GROUP OR THEIR ADVISORS ARE RELATED

TO PW/MIA'S. THERE IS CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN TRIP FROM SENATOR SYMINGTON (MO.) AND OTHERS.

13. ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

DEPART OMAHA AT 1:00 PM JUNE 30 ON UNITED FLIGHT 172, ARRIVING JFK AIRPORT, AT 4:45 PM. OVERNIGHT AT THE HILTON INN, KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

JULY 1 - BRIEFING SESSION - 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM IN ROOM 415 IN HILTON INN. DEPART NEW YORK AT 8:30 PM VIA PAA 114.

ARRIVE PARIS 8:30 AM JULY 2. HOTEL MONTALEMBERT.

LEAVE PARIS AT 12:25 PM JULY 6 ON SK 562, ARRIVING COPENHAGEN AT 2:10 PM, AND CONTINUE AT 3:05 PM ON SK 686, ARRIVING STOCKHOLM AT 4:15 PM. HOTEL CARLTON.

LEAVE STOCKHOLM AT 1:10 PM JULY 8 ON SK 768, ARRIVING MOSCOW AT 5:15 PM, WHERE GROUP WILL BE MET BY AN INTOURIST GUIDE/INTERPRETER FOR APPOINTMENTS AND INTERVIEWS, LOCAL SIGHTSEEING.

DEPART MOSCOW AT 10:35 PM JULY 10 ON SU 557; OVERNITE FLIGHT TO NEW DELHI.

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ARRIVE NEW DELHI AT 7:00 AM JULY 11 AND CONTINUE ON PAA 2 FOR BANGKOK, ARRIVING AT 1:25 PM. TRANSFER TO HOTEL FLORIDA.

LEAVE BANGKOK AT 1:45 PM JULY 14 ON THAI AIRWAYS 527 FOR VIENTIANE, ARRIVING AT 3:15 PM. HOTEL LANE XANG.

DEPART VIENTIANE AT 12:20 PM JULY 17 ON AIR VIETNAM 499, ARRIVING SAIGON AT 4:25 PM: HOTEL CARAVELLE.

LEAVE SAIGON AT 4:25 PM JULY 20 ON CHINA AIRLINES 818, ARRIVING IN HONG KONG AT 7:35 PM. ACCOMMODATIONS AT YMCA INTERNATIONAL HOUSE IN KOWLOON - 23 WATERLOO RD.

DEPART HONG KONG AT 9:30 AM JULY 23 ON PAA 1002 FOR TOKYO, ARRIVING AT 1:25 PM. TRANSFER TO THE GINZA TOKYU HOTEL.

LEAVE TOKYO AT 2:45 PM JULY 25 ON PAA 1002, AND ARRIVE IN LOS ANGELES AT 11:10 SAME DAY.

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